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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) TO HOLD MARCH 10, 2011 PUBLIC FORUM ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE COMMISSION'S REGISTRATION SYSTEM (CORES)

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On March 10, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) will hold a forum with staff and the public to explore legal and technical challenges associated with proposed modifications to the Commission's Registration System (CORES).

AGENDA

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Mary Beth Richards, Special Counsel to the Chairman for FCC Reform

10:15 a.m. - Roundtable Panel

1:00 p.m. Moderated by Warren Firschein, Senior Attorney, Office of Managing Director

(with break)

Panelists to be Announced

This workshop is part of the Commission's long-term reform initiative to examine certain functions of its current licensing and application systems in an effort to develop a transparent, easily accessible, data driven, efficient, cost-effective and green consolidated licensing system, and is part of the Commission's larger effort to reform and transform the agency into a model of excellence in government.

The workshop will be held in the FCC's Commission Meeting Room located at 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, D.C, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Interested members of the general public are encouraged to attend the meeting. The Commission invites the public to provide significant input into this process so as to inform its decision making in regard to improving system functionality. Admittance will be limited, however, to seating availability. Except as noted below, registration is not required. The Commission will also provide audio and/or video coverage of the meeting over the Internet from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/live. During the workshop, audience members will have the opportunity to suggest questions in writing. Remote participants will be able to suggest questions in writing over the internet

through Web-Ex. Web-Ex will also enable remote participants to view materials presented at the workshop. To employ the Web-Ex tool, users must register at https://fccevents.webex.com/fccevents/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=992845567. Once registered, users will receive an automated email message advising them of the event password and providing a direct link to the meeting. Questions will be reviewed and, time permitting, may be asked by the moderators. Prior to the workshop, questions can be emailed to CORESQuestions@fcc.gov. Those planning on attending should allow up to 30 minutes to pass through security.

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") containing proposed modifications to CORES was released by the Commission on December 6, 2010 and is available on our web site at www.fcc.gov. We recommend that all interested parties review this NPRM prior to participating in or attending this public forum.

This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes revisions intended to make CORES more feature-friendly and improve the Commission's ability to comply with various statutes that govern debt collection and the collection of personal information by the federal government. The proposed modifications to CORES partly include: requiring entities and individuals to rely primarily upon a single FRN that may, at their discretion, be linked to subsidiary or associated accounts; allowing entities to identify multiple points of contact; eliminating some of our exceptions to the requirement that entities and individuals provide their Taxpayer Identification Number ("TIN") at the time of registration; requiring FRN holders to provide their e-mail addresses; modifying CORES log-in procedures; adding attention flags and automated notices that would inform FRN holders of their financial standing before the Commission; and adding data fields to enable FRN holders to indicate their tax-exempt status and notify the Commission of pending bankruptcy proceedings.

We encourage members of the public to use the workshop to inform us of their opinions regarding the value of the features identified here. We also encourage the public to provide suggestions as to additional features and functions for the CORES.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. The request should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and contact information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible; last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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